

## **Judy Christensen**

Judy Christensen is an architectural historian and preservation planner and the volunteer historian for the Gaithersburg Community Museum. She recently retired from the City of Rockville Historic Preservation Office. As a consultant, Ms. Christensen has worked for several local jurisdictions and surveyed and written historic sites surveys and evaluations for over 400 historical sites in Maryland and Virginia. She also writes articles and other publications.

## **Eleanor Cunningham**

Eleanor Cunningham was born and reared in Rockville, Maryland. After high school she chose a business career, and graduated in 1941 with honors from Temple Secretarial School in Washington, D.C. While a secretary, her collection of poems, *This Place: Love letters to a School*, was published by the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Always a lover of history, Eleanor has published several historical pieces. Her essay, "Dad's Well" was runner up in the Maryland: You are Beautiful writing contest for senior citizens in 1990, and it was later published by the Montgomery County Historical Society. She wrote an article for the *Montgomery Journal* in 1997 on the occasion of the grand reopening of tiny Montrose School, "Montrose School: Back to Its Roots as Teachers and Students Return." Peerless Rockville, the preservation organization that saved and restored Montrose School, asked Eleanor to write a history of the school she attended in the 1920s and 1930s. Her book *Montrose School: the First Ninety Years*, was published by Peerless Rockville in December, 1999. In 2000, she published a *History of the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene* on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary. Eleanor Cunningham is retired and lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

## **Frank Sheer**

Frank is a Contract Officer within the Surface Transportation Category Management Center, Transportation Portfolio. Major responsibilities include contracting for freight services, mail shipments by intermodal carriers, and trailer leasing.

He has a Doctorate in Business Administration in Logistics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Frank is Certified in Transportation and Logistics by the American Society of Transportation and Logistics. He is also recognized as a Certified Purchasing Manager by the Institute of Supply Management.

## **Lauren Kingsland**

Lauren Kingsland has been making quilts professionally since 1988. Visitors to her studio in the historic Arts Barn can learn first-hand how quilts are made today by

watching Lauren and her staff create commission pieces for clients. Her popular book, *The Extraordinary T-shirt Quilt - A Scrapbook You Can Sleep Under*, is a clear, practical guide to creating this contemporary style of memory quilt.

Scores of students have been guided in their quilting journey through her classes on sewing techniques, color and design. These lectures and workshops are available for guilds, shops, conferences and civic groups.

Her personal expression art quilts include series about kaleidoscopes, trees including bonsai, houses and architecture, and abstract landscapes.

As a visiting artist in healthcare settings, Lauren designs and creates quilts with and for patients, families and caregivers. [webpageLauren@Laurenkingsland.com](mailto:webpageLauren@Laurenkingsland.com)

### **Marshall Grotenhuis**

Marshall Grotenhuis was born in Oostburg, Wisconsin in 1918. He earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics, Physics and General Science from Milwaukee State Teachers college and briefly taught high school sciences and mathematics. He was drafted into the Army Air Corps and served three years as a bombsight and auto pilot mechanic.

After military service, he earned a M.S. degree in physics and mathematics at Marquette University and taught at Marquette for a year. He then was hired by the Argonne National Laboratory as an Associate Physicist. In 1971 he joined the nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington D.C. where he produced Environmental Statements and Safety Evaluations as a basis for licensing Nuclear Power Reactor Plants.

After Retirement in 1988, he continued his 50 year involvement in boy Scouts, earning several awards including the Silver Beaver. Other interests are the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Association and the Gaithersburg Historical Association, Ltd. He also writes a monthly column in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission News.

He and Marilyn Johnson Grotenhuis are nearing 60 years of marriage. Mr. Grotenhuis is a resident of Gaithersburg, Maryland.